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### Division for the Visually Impaired Task Force

#### Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2019

Holly Vaughn Wagner, Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (JLOSC) Legislative Attorney, Task Force Co-Chair and staff member, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Other task force members present were Amanda McAtee, JLOSC Analyst and Task Force Co-Chair, Mary Ann Mieczkowski, Director of Exceptional Children Resources at the Department of Education (DOE) representing Susan Bunting, Secretary of Education, Elisha Jenkins, Division for the Visually Impaired (DVI) Director, Wayne Marsh, Blind Vendors Committee Chair, Sonya Lawrence, Parent of a child with a visual impairment, Debbie Harrington, Higher Education, Kevin McAllister, representing individuals with blindness and visual impairment. Loretta Harper-Brown, BlindSight Delaware. A quorum was met.

Co-Chair Vaughn Wagner started with introductions, explained that the worksheets were provided to task force members, consultants, and the public and reminded everyone that public comment would be accepted until November 8, 2019. Wayne Marsh made a motion to approve the October 2, 2019 meeting minutes, Elisha Jenkins seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-yes, 1-no, 2-not voting, and 1-absent. Member not present for the vote was Loretta Harper-Brown.

Kevin McAllister stated that he did not vote on the minutes because he felt that the minutes should be more detailed. Debbie Harrington stated that there were no minutes that covered the main points. Co-Chair Vaughn Wagner stated that although this was an important concern, the minutes capture what is statutorily required by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Additionally, all meetings were audio recorded, and recordings would be provided to anyone who requested them. The final report of the task force would include pertinent information from all meetings held.

Co-Chair McAtee, discussed the results summary of the Meeting #4 - Education Worksheet, which included the 22 responses received. Responses received were summarized in the document and the full responses would be provided in the final report. Additionally, this data did not include responses from the task force co-chairs since the co-chairs would be responsible for organizing and presenting the information to the JLOSC. Co-Chair McAtee further explained that the results and response summaries were posted to the task force's website in word and PDF formats.

Co-Chair McAtee reiterated that this task force was information gathering only, information collected from this task force would be submitted to the Committee for their final decisions, and public comment would remain open until Friday, November 8, 2019. Co-Chair McAtee stated that public comment could be submitted via the Survey Monkey worksheet, which included the option to remain anonymous, or email.

The task force discussed the response summaries that were prepared for the Meeting #4 – Education Worksheet. The task force provided additional feedback that would be included in the final report. Co-Chair McAtee reminded everyone to submit any additional written public comment on these draft recommendations discussed before Friday, November 8, 2019.

Co-Chair McAtee concluded the meeting at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for October 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully prepared by:

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*Access to the audio recording of this proceeding is available upon request.*